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Daniel Hamilton (Sept. 24, 1860—Feb. 24, 1942) married Eliza Ellen Parker (Dec. 7, 1863—Dec. 7, 1946).

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His wife, Susan, died Jan. 15, 1874. She was buried in the Old American Ceme-tery of Vincennes, Indiana about 100 feet straight East of Colonel Vigo's grave, near her mother and her grandmother, Jane Baird.

"Uncle Bill" raised "Little John" to maturity. Grandparents, Dubois, raised the 10 year old Agnes. Crawford County relatives cared for Ida D. and Kilgore.

Ida Delia married Charles K. Logan, her cousin. -- Kilgore married Ida McChafflin, lived for many years near Palestine, Ill., then moved to Antlers, Oklahoma, where he and his wife died.

Agnes Hanover (Aug. 9, 1864—May 22, 1923) married Arthur Huntington of Spring-field, Ill. She became famous for her good deeds and excellent management as an official of The Young Women's Christian Ass'n., Travelers Protective Aid Ass'n., Daughters of the American Revolution and the Illinois State Historical Society dur-ing her lifetime. She was a red-hot, hard-boiled Republican and a worshiper of one A. Lincoln.

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6--Bolivar Washington Adams was born Feb. 24, 1832 on the "Old Buser farm" located just North of Greenhill Church. Here also were born his brothers, William, Joseph, James, John and Hamilton, also his sister Elizabeth Jane.

On Dec. 10, 1854 he married Elenora Johnson, who was born Feb. 7, 1831. To this union was born but one child, Frances Viola, on Feb. 22, 1856. The young mother lived but a few months after the birth of her daughter. She died June 8, 1856. She was buried in the Lackey Cemetery, located on the present Fred Burkett farm, about 6 miles S.E. of Palestine and about 1 mile East of Route #33.

Relatives and friends assisted in raising little "Frankie" to girlhood. Her father never married again. He became listless, morose and spiritless, owning no land,- he always worked for others. Attracted by, and at the request of his brother Eli, who was doing so well in politics in Olney, Ill., he moved there with his daughter. In 1877, in conjunction with his brother Frank, he purchased 34 acres of land East of Olney about 3 miles. Here he built a small log cabin and lived alone until his health began to fail him. He then moved in with his son-in-law, Jim Colvin. Here he died, October 21, 1889. "Uncle Bog" was buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, located about 3 miles South and One mile East of Claremont, Illinois.

Frances Viola "Frankie" (Feb. 22, 1856--Feb. 21, 1937) married a Civil War veteran, James Colvin (Jan. 1, 1841--April 1, 1928). They located on a farm but a few miles from her father's cabin. They are both buried in Haven Hill Cemetery at Olney.



7--Alexander Hamilton Adams was born March 2, 1834. Farming did not appeal to him, and he sold all his farm interests to his brothers and became a school teacher, making his home near his school. While teaching school near St. Francisville, Ill., he met and married Caroline Buchanan, of Scotch Irish descent, on May 29, 1861. The couple had three children, Lawrence, Victor and Gertrude. Consumption claimed his life Dec. 5, 1867, when but 34 years old. "Ham" was a great favorite of his brothers. They all admired and respected him and really enjoyed his personality. He was buried in the Buchanan Cemetery, located about 7 miles South of Lawrenceville, Illinois on Rt. #1.

It is not known, at this date, just what did become of his wife and children after his death. It seems to be impossible to find any trace of them.

8--Sarah Louise Adams was born June 23, 1836. She married John Crews, Jan. 2, 1866. John Crews had married Elizabeth Bartmess, a daughter of Peter Bartmess, who was a half-brother of Eli Adams. She had died of childbirth, May 22, 1859. Crews, a bull-headed Dutchman was known to be an eccentric cuss, even at that time, permitting chickens and hogs to run about his house, and having many other unlikeable peculiarities. Yet, Sarah Louise, would have him. Two children were born to them, Samuel and John. After numerous quarrels with his relatives and neighbors, John Crews decided that the State of Texas would be a more desirable place to live than Crawford County. They moved about 1877. A few letters were written by Sarah to her mother then these ceased and the family was not heard from again.

9—Elisha Franklin was born Nov. 21, 1837. He was a very successful and happy farmer all his life. From his father's estate he inherited 40 acres of rich bottom ground in Sec. 21. He purchased from his brother, Ham, the 40 acres next to his own. While on a visit with Ham, he met Pricilla Buchanan. They were married Nov. 16, 1864. She was born May 26, 1842, the daughter of Victor T. Buchanan and America McKay, near St. Francisville, Ill. On Jan. 25, 1866 he purchased 35 acres of his father's farm and lived in his birth place until Nov. 22, 1877. He then sold this farm to John A. Magill and in 1878 moved to Olney, Ill. on a 65 acre farm that he had purchased from his brother Eli. It was located about 3 miles East of Olney and 1/2 mile South of the B. & O. R. R. Here he spent the remainder of his life. Seven children had been born to them in Crawford County. Five were raised to maturity,—Charles Buchanan, Nettie, Emma Jane, Victor Franklin and Lora Belle. "Uncle Frank" and "Aunt Pricilla" were dearly loved and highly respected by all who ever knew them. Kind, church-loving, honest, real Americans of their day. He died, from consumption, April 17, 1906. She died Feb. 21, 1923. Both are buried in Haven Hill Cemetery at Olney, Ill., beside their daughter, Nettie.

Charles Buchanan (August 11, 1865—Feb. 6, 1928) married Alice Lillie White (March 18, 1871—Oct. 15, 1940, also Effie Friend Golden.

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12--Francis Marion was born April 3, 1844. He married pretty Mary Magill on March 4, 1871. She was the step-daughter of John Buser, a close neighbor. Two children were born to them, James Eli and Orley. They made their home on land just North of the Phi Adams farm. Here he farmed until his health left him because of consumption. He died July 21, 1876, and was buried in Greenhill Cemetery. Their son Orley died in infancy. Mary Magill was born Nov. 18, 1852. She later married John Powden of Crawford County and by him had three children, William, Fred and Frank. "Aunt Mary" died April 2, 1937 and she was buried in the New Robinson Cemetery.

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Mary's children were:--Nora, born in 1869, married James Wilson, --Lou, 1871, married Ed. Hall. --Flora, 1873, married James Dixon and Ross Cooksey. --Viola, 1875, married Jack Adams, John Shanks, Harrison Scott and John Bair. --James L, 1878, married Odie Holt and Emma Burkhardt. --Roy, 1880, married Jesse C'Haver. --Fred, 1882, never married. --William, 1886, married Minnie Moore. --Millie B., 1888, married Cud Holland. --Mollie T. never married. She was born in 1891.

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M. M. Dollahan Historian, Adams Family

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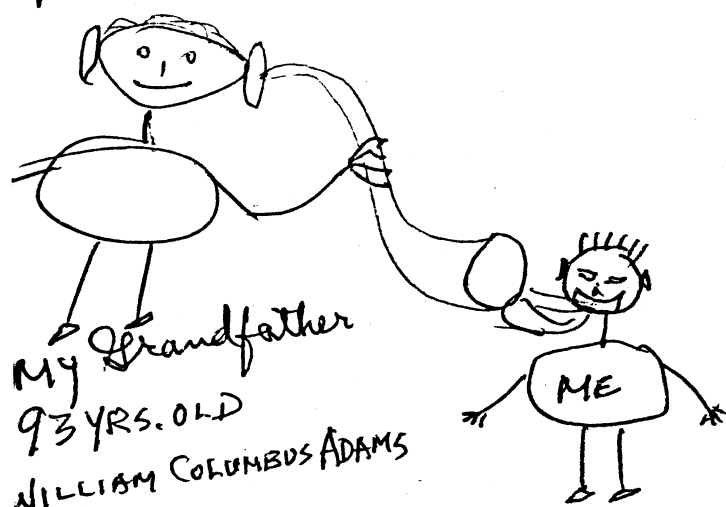
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M M DOLLAHAN -  
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Palestine on  
River Road -*

9—Elisha Franklin was born Nov. 21, 1837. He was a very successful and happy farmer all his life. From his father's estate he inherited 40 acres of rich bottom ground in Sec. 21. He purchased from his brother, Ham, the 40 acres next to his own. While on a visit with Ham, he met Pricilla Buchanan. They were married Nov. 16, 1864. She was born May 26, 1842, the daughter of Victor T. Buchanan and America McKay, near St. Francisville, Ill. On Jan. 25, 1866 he purchased 35 acres of his father's farm and lived in his birth place until Nov. 22, 1877. He then sold this farm to John A. Magill and in 1878 moved to Olney, Ill. on a 65 acre farm that he had purchased from his brother Eli. It was located about 3 miles East of Olney and 1/2 mile South of the B. & O. R. R. Here he spent the remainder of his life. Seven children had been born to them in Crawford County. Five were raised to maturity,--Charles Buchanan, Nettie, Emma Jane, Victor Franklin and Lora Belle. "Uncle Frank" and "Aunt Pricilla" were dearly loved and highly respected by all who ever knew them. Kind, church-loving, honest, real Americans of their day. He died, from consumption, April 17, 1906. She died Feb. 21, 1923. Both are buried in Haven Hill Cemetery at Olney, Ill., beside their daughter, Nettie.

Charles Buchanan (August 11, 1865--Feb. 6, 1928) married Alice Lillie White (March 18, 1871--Oct. 15, 1940, also Effie Friend Golden.

Nettie, (Aug. 24, 1868--Feb. 28, 1889) never married.

Emma Jane (May 18, 1870--March 10, 1940) married George Billings (1867--1945).

Victor F. (April 13, 1872--*MAY 25, 1958*) married Flora Tennyson (Oct. 2, 1874--*DEC-7-1962*) and Lela Ann Ratcliffe, then his first wife again.

Lora Belle (Oct. 24, 1877--Feb. 2, 1915) married Alva Roy Basden (Jan. 11, 1878--July 6, 1954).

E L I met & married Amanda Palmateer  
Olney - lived there, Buried ~~at~~ Haven Hill Cem., Olney, Ill. (11)

10--Eli was born April 8, 1840. Farming did not appeal to him. He became a school teacher. He was a very attractive young man that had a flaming red full beard and hair, so red it sparkled. In the eyes of the young ladies of his acquaintance, he was really someone and his personality did win him many friends. He met beautiful Amanda Palmateer of Olney, Ill., while she was visiting relatives in Palestine. Soon Olney had a new school teacher and resident. They were married June 20, 1869. Later he became interested in politics. They had but one child, a daughter, Floro. Eli died when 43 years old on June 20, 1883 and was buried in Haven Hill Cemetery of Olney. Amanda later married John Elliot. She died July 24, 1922 and was buried beside her husband and daughter. Floro was born in 1871, married Charles Byer, and died in 1900. They had no children.

11--Martha was born March 27, 1842 and died in infancy.

12--Francis Marion was born April 3, 1844. He married pretty Mary Magill on March 4, 1871. She was the step-daughter of John Buser, a close neighbor. Two children were born to them, James Eli and Orley. They made their home on land just North of the Phi Adams farm. Here he farmed until his health left him because of consumption. He died July 21, 1876, and was buried in Greenhill Cemetery. Their son Orley died in infancy. Mary Magill was born Nov. 18, 1852. She later married John Powden of Crawford County and by him had three children, William, Fred and Frank. "Aunt Mary" died April 2, 1937 and she was buried in the New Robinson Cemetery.

James Eli born about 1872 became a railroad telegraph operator. While working for the Frisco Railroad in Seymour, Missouri he met and married Lena Kuhnle. They had three children, Glenn, Orley and Llewellyn. He died about 1931 in Phoenix, Arizona. He and his wife are buried there.

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(CARLYLES IND)  
CONSUMPTION  
13—Mary Elizabeth was born July 7, 1847, the youngest child of her parents. When her father died in 1857, six unmarried children were left at home with their mother, —Alexander Hamilton age 23, Sarah Louise age 21, Elisha Franklin age 19, Eli age 17, Francis Marion age 13 and Mary age 10. All but Francis Marion had chosen a mate before Mary Elizabeth on April 8, 1868 married James L. Wolfe, a farmer who lived near old Shaker Prairie town in Sullivan County, IND., born July 5, 1847, the son of John and Mahala Wolfe. Here, with her mother, they lived for many years. Her husband died May 16, 1891 and was buried in the Shaker Prairie Church Cemetery, located about 2 miles S. of Carlisle, Ind. via Rt. #41, then about 4 miles SW via country roads. His wife is buried beside him. Ten children were born to them. Later the widow came to Sullivan, where she worked as a cook in a local hotel. Here she married Christopher Dale. They had no children. She died July 24, 1935 when 88 years old. Her oldest brother "Uncle Bill" had lived to be 93 years old, Elisha Franklin had died when 68, Bolivar at 57, all the others before they were 45, with the possible exception of Sarah Louise. Consumption had claimed the lives of her father and at least eight of her brothers and sisters. Their mother had lived to be 91 years old.

Mary's children were:—Nora, born in 1869, married James Wilson, —Lou, 1871, married Ed. Hall. —Flora, 1873, married James Dixon and Ross Cooksey. —Viola, 1875, married Jack Adams, John Shanks, Harrison Scott and John Bair. —James L, 1878, married Odie Holt and Emma Burkhardt. —Roy, 1880, married Jesse C'Haver. —Fred, 1882, never married. —William, 1886, married Minnie Moore. —Millie B., 1888, married Cud Holland. —Mollie T. never married. She was born in 1891.

Viola, Millie B., and Mollie T. were alive on January 1, 1955.

alive Jan 1, 1955

MARY'S CHILDREN

VIOLA

# DOLLAHAN FAMILY - 1978

## ADAMS-BAIRD - FAMILY TREE

1700 - 1978

1700 — CAPT. JAMES POTTER \* — 1700  
CUMBERLAND CO. PA

JAMES BAIRD \*  
MARY POTTER \*

MARTHA BAIRD \*  
(JAMES BAIRD) FATHER

1748 — WILLIAM ADAMS \* — 1748  
MARTHA BAIRD \*

ELI ADAMS \*  
ELIZABETH SHAW \*  
(JOSEPH SHAW) FATHER \*

WM. COLUMBUS ADAMS \*  
LODUSKY JOHNSON \*  
(JERIMIAH JOHNSON) FATHER \*

SARAH ELLEN ADAMS \*  
ELISHA GOODWIN \*

STELLA F. GOODWIN \*  
CLYDE E. DOLLAHAN \*

VAUGHNE E. DOLLAHAN \*  
LOWELL A. DOLLAHAN \*  
WILMA FERN DOLLAHAN  
MARSHALL M. DOLLAHAN  
VERLE GOODWIN DOLLAHAN

FAMILY TREE  
ADAMS-BAIRD-POTTER  
1700-1978  
10 GENERATIONS

1978  
W-NORLU  
C-LINDA DOLLAHAN  
C-MICHAEL DOLLAHAN

VAUGHNE E. DOLLAHAN  
ELIZABETH LINDSEY

W-MARGARET SPRINGER  
BRUCE DOLLAHAN  
CRAIG DOLLAHAN

H-CLARENCE CONNAWAY \*  
C-CAROL CONNAWAY  
C-WAYNE CONNAWAY

W-HELEN JANE BANDY  
C-JAMES BANDY DOLLAHAN  
C-KATHRYN LOUISE DOLLAHAN

MARSHALL M. DOLLAHAN  
MARY E. MCDANIEL

\* - DECEASED

# Adams Family

## T AUG 16 1978 Family Reunions

**ADAMS** — Descendants of William Adams, born in 1748 in Pennsylvania, and migrated to Kentucky following service in the Revolutionary War, will hold a family reunion Sunday, Aug. 27, at Leaverton Park in Palestine, Ill. A basket dinner will be served at noon.

Eli Adams (1793-1857), son of William and Martha Baird Adams, came to Crawford County, Ill. in 1810, and with his wife, Elizabeth Shaw had 13 children. Many of the members

of this large family are buried in Greenhill Cemetery in Crawford County.

Copies of the Adams family tree and history as compiled by Roy Clifford Adams of Terre Haute in the 1950s will be available. Those attending are asked to contribute family information for an updated history.

Serving on the committee are M. M. Dollahan, of Champaign, Ill., Mrs. Carlton Adams and Ray Reinbold.

**KINDRED** — Descendants of Charles and Edith Kindred will hold a family reunion Sunday, Aug. 20, in Square 5 of Deming Park. A basket dinner will be served at 1 p.m.

VIGO COUNTY P. LIBRARY

ATT'N:

NANCY SHERRILL  
GENEALOGY LIBRARIAN

M. M. DOLLAMAN  
ADAMS FAMILY HISTORIAN  
810 PHOENIX DR.  
CHAMPAIGN, ILL., 61820

AUG. 23, 1978

Re: ADAMS FAMILY  
HISTORY & FAMILY  
TREE - 1700 - 1978  
ENCLOSED

Dear Mrs. Sherrill:

I am enclosing 4 copies of Adams  
Family History, which you will  
notice it covers Page 2, 1st & 2nd  
Par. ① WILLIAM ADAMS & MARTHA BAIRD -  
② Capt. JAMES POTTER, Pa.  
③ JAME BAIRD - MARY POTTER - MARTHA BAIRD  
4. MARTHA BAIRD ADAMS & ~~JOHN~~ JOHN BARTMESS,

Hence touching:

ADAMS, BAIRD, POTTER & BARTMESS FAMILY  
INTER MARRIAGE & FOREFATHER - 1

WM ADAMS 1748 - BACK THRU' BAIRD SIDE  
2 GENERATIONS TO CAPT. POTTER TO ESTIMATED  
DATE OF 1700 -

Note stories P. 6, P. 7 Old Vincennes

Mary Allison & SUSAN DUBDIS FAMILIES 1858-64 -  
ALB REED ADAMS - 1775 RAH, PA. Vincennes - Eli  
Adams, James Bair, & JOHN Bartmess family, Greenhill &  
Palestine, Ill.

P. 2 Bard Town & Elizabeth Town, Ky  
move to Crawford County, Ill -  
Greenhill 7 Mi S.E. of Palestine  
Ill. on (Wabash or near it)

P. 3 Eli & ~~Elizabeth~~ Shaw Adams -

Family  
of  
15

13 children -

Father & 8 of which died of  
Great <sup>Consumption</sup> my Grandfather Wm. Columbus,  
one of 5 children, lived to 93 -  
brother & sister, 91 & 88 -

Also Mary Elizabeth Adams, 1 of

P. 12

→ 13 children married, James  
L. Wolfe, Old Shaker Prairie  
Town, near Carlyle, Ind, had  
10 children - all named,  
Birth, married - - dates, etc -

P. 9 Alexander Hamilton Adams -

P. 11 Eli Adams & Interesting life story -  
Politician School Teacher - Influencer  
on Olney, Ill. & 4 or 5 of his Bro. & Sisters.

etc etc - Hurriedly - I thank you for in-  
quiring. - Have Dr.'s appt - Wish to  
wait this without delay - Sincerely  
Marshall McDollahan



LOCAL HISTORY  
Vigo County Public Library

Dec. 9, 1972

Emmaline Fairbanks Library  
222 North 7th  
Terre Haute, Ind. 47801

Dear Librarian:

The death record of my Adams ancestor says that his father, Eli D. ADAMS was born in Terre Haute, Ind.

I do not know when Eli D. Adams was born nor who his parents are, but would certainly like to know. Do you have any records of Eli D. Adams.

His son Charles Christopher Adams was born 3 Feb. 1869 in Maryville, Nodaway County, Missouri, and his death record states his father was Eli D. Adams, born in Terre Haute, Ind., thus my request to you to see if there is a biographical sketch of an ADAMS who had a son Eli D.

I am quite sure Eli D. Adams married in Missouri because his wife was born in Nodaway County, Mo, according to the information given on the death certificate of their son, Charles C. Adams.

*not in 1850*  
*not in 1860*  
Probably Eli D. Adams would be in the 1850 U.S. census of your county, if born about 1840 in Terre Huate, Ind., since he was old enough to have a son born in 1869. Do you have the 1850 census in book form, and if so would you please look to see if an ADAMS FAMILY is listed with a son Eli (Elijah, I suppose) D. Adams?

Please send me Xerox copies of any data you may locate and tell me to cost so that I may send it to you.

I send my deepest thanks with this letter for this great favor.

Most sincerely yours,

*Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell*

Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell  
510 East Bishop Drive  
La Habra, CA 90631

Enc: Stamped, self addressed envelope

*Adams Family*

**VIGO  
COUNTY  
PUBLIC  
LIBRARY**

ELIZABETH C. ROSS

December 18, 1972

Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell  
510 East Bishop Drive  
La Habra, Ca 90631

Dear Mrs. Caldwell:

In response to your letter of December 9th, we have been unable to find any information that would help you. We checked our card file, the indexes to the local county histories, and both the Census of 1850 and the Census of 1860, for Harrison Township and the City of Terre Haute. There are several Adams families mentioned, but no indication of one with a son named Eli.

If you would write to the Genealogy Division, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, 46204, they have a card file for the whole state of Indiana for 1850, and it is possible that the family had moved elsewhere by then. Perhaps they can help you.

Sincerely,

*Elizabeth R. Merrill*  
Elizabeth R. Merrill  
Local History Div.

The following history of the Eli Adams and Elizabeth Shaw branch of the Adams family was compiled by Roy Clifford Adams, residing in 1955 at 3148 South 12th St., of Terre Haute, Indiana, during the years of 1953, 1954 and 1955.

Every effort has been made to make this history absolutely authentic. It certainly is not complete. The author does feel that it is as near perfection as any human, of today, can make it. It is to be anticipated that more historical facts, concerning this clan, will be found that will make this survey more complete and satisfactory.

From existing grave stones, family records, County Court House and State Institution records and old newspaper items of Kentucky, Illinois and Indiana has been found the information stated herein.

Many thanks are also due to living members of this clan, who by their help, advice and suggestions, made it possible to collect much of the information found. Also, great thanks are due the kind and friendly officials of the above mentioned institutions, who went out of their way to aid the author.

William Adams is reputed to have been born in Pennsylvania about 1748, to have served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, then to have migrated to Kentucky. In the County Clerk's office of Bardstown, Kentucky under date of April 12, 1791 is the record, that Jas. Chambers united in marriage William Adams and Martha Baird. They made their home near Elizabethtown, Ky. Here three children were born to them -- James, Eli born Nov. 22, 1793 and William Jr. It is not known when William Adams died or where he is buried. Martha Adams was a widow, with three small children, when she married John Bartmess at Elizabethtown on March 20, 1800.

Martha Baird was born about 1772, the daughter of James Baird, who died in Hardin County Ky., in 1804, and Mary Potter, daughter of Capt. James Potter of Cumberland County Pa. To that union was born seven children -- James, Martha, Thomas, John Potter, Samuel, Mary and Joseph.

John Bartmess, (the marriage record has it John Potmetz) was a German. He had a 2 year old daughter Sarah, by a former marriage. To John and Martha Bartmess were born five children -- John, Martha, Peter, Mary and Jane. They moved to Crawford Co. Ill. after the 1812 war. He located a bit SW. of Greenhill church on Location 64. He possessed nearly 700 acres of rich land when he died Oct. 23, 1840, when 80 years old. He was buried in his private cemetery, located near the SW. corner of Loc. 64, where he had buried 3 of his children -- Sarah, John Jr. and Mary.

It is not known, for certain, when Martha Bartmess died or was buried. She was alive in 1851 on Jan. 13, at which time she signed a receipt, with her mark, for \$422.29 in full of her dower, as widow of John Bartmess.

On good authority, it is stated that she was buried in Greenhill Cemetery, near Eli Adams about 1854. A search is being made for her missing grave stone.

PALESTINE, ILL.  
R.R. #1

Her Son,  
See Page #3  
w/ his Uncle, James Baird, 1810,  
to Old Ft. Vincennes. Married  
Elizabeth Shaw, (Joseph's daughter)  
had 13 children -- (Eli and  
8 children died of consumption -  
Wife, a son & a daughter lived to 91, 93 & 88.

Eli Adams and Elizabeth Shaw

Eli Adams was born near Elizabethtown, Ky., Nov. 22, 1793, the son of William Adams and Martha Baird. He died in Crawford Co. Ill., Feb. 9, 1857. He was buried in Greenhill Cemetery, located about 7 miles SE. of Palestine, using the River road. WABASH

Elizabeth Shaw was born, Sept. 13, 1802, daughter of Joseph Shaw. She married Eli Adams April 4, 1821. She died Jan. 10, 1894, and was buried near her husband. They had thirteen children over a period of 26 years. They were - Elizabeth Jane, William Columbus, Joseph Baird Shaw, James, John Bartmess, Bolivar Washington, Alexander Hamilton, Sarah Louise, Elisha Franklin, Eli, Francis Marion, Mary Elizabeth and Martha who died in infancy. 144. Became State 1818

Eli Adams came to Crawford Co. Ill. about 1810 in company with his uncle, James Baird. It is likely that he was in the 1812 war. On March 18, 1818, the governor of Illinois appointed him a captain of the 9th Illinois regiment. His first known home, after marriage, was a log house on the 50 acres of the NW. 1/4 of the E. 1/2 of Location 19, now known as the old Buser farm. Later, on July 18, 1834, he purchased 105 acres from Michael Brouillet for \$200.00 known as the SE. 1/4 of the E. 1/2 of Location 77, now known as the Gus Adams farm. To this place he moved, lived and died. Here he farmed, made moonshine, taught school and became a politician. He was a charter member of Wesley Chapel Methodist Church. In 1856 he and his sons helped to build the first Greenhill Church. He was admired and respected by his acquaintances and he was considered as a quiet well to do man when he died, being the owner of 288 acres of very rich land.

After his death, Elizabeth his wife, lived in the home place with her children, until Mary Elizabeth married James Wolfe in 1868. She then made her home with Mary, near Shaker Prairie Town in Indiana, until her death at the very ripe old age of 91 years. She is thought to have been born in a log cabin, just a bit north of Greenhill Church, the first white child to be born in Crawford County. There is an old Shaw Cemetery on that farm. — 7 Mi. SE. of Palestine, Ill. on Wabash River Road —

Old Buser Farm

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5 Mi. S.E. of Palestine  
on River Road -

M. M. Dollahan  
Historian, Adams Family

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# The Children of Eli Adams and Elizabeth Shaw

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1 - Elizabeth Jane was born Sept.15, 1821. She married Dr. James Logan, Dec.14, 1841. To them four children were born, Mary S., Irene E., Charles K. and William B. She died when 34 years old, Feb.29, 1856 and was buried in Greenhill Cemetery. Later, the widowed husband and his children moved from Crawford County. Very little is known concerning them. Charles K. married his cousin Ida Delia Adams, oldest daughter of John Bartmess Adams of Springfield, Ill.

2 - William Columbus was born Feb.12, 1824. On March 14, 1850 he married Lowdusky Johnson, daughter of Jeremiah. He died when 93 years of age, May 16, 1917. His wife was born July 27, 1829 and died January 4, 1904. Both are buried in Greenhill Cemetery. To this union was born six children that reached maturity, -Sarah Ellen, Augustus, Susan, John F., Philander and Ida Delia. "Uncle Bill", because of his wonderful personality, friendliness and charitable disposition, made a great host of friends and greatly helped to make his portion of Crawford Co. famous for its hospitality. In removing a cataract from his eye in 1896, without anesthetics, the eyeball was pierced and he was blind for nearly twenty years. John F. (Mar.17, 1857--Jan.6, 1937) and Ida D. (1867--1943) remained at home with their father and never married. Both are buried in Greenhill Cemetery.

MY GRANDMOTHER  
MY GRANDFATHER  
MY GRANDMOTHER  
MY GRANDFATHER

Sarah Ellen (Oct.20, 1852--April 7, 1916) married Elisha Goodwin (Aug.15, 1850--March 1, 1917) both are buried in Lackey Cemetery.--Augustus (Oct.1, 1854--Dec.29, 1924) married Rachel Jane Postelwaite (April 18, 1857--Sept.30, 1889) and Mary A. Smith (Sept.20, 1863--July 16, 1952). All are buried in Greenhill Cemetery.--Susan (1861--1940) married Luther Landrith (1863--1941) -both are buried in Greenhill Cemetery.--Philander (1863--1950) married Effie Tennyson (1870--1953). Both are buried in Palestine Cemetery.

"Uncle Bill" built his large fine home just one mile north of his father on the SW.1/4 of the E.1/2 of Location 223. The scene of many wonderful festivities. The land was sold and the old home was torn down when Ida D. died in 1943. Now, a very lonesome spot indeed.

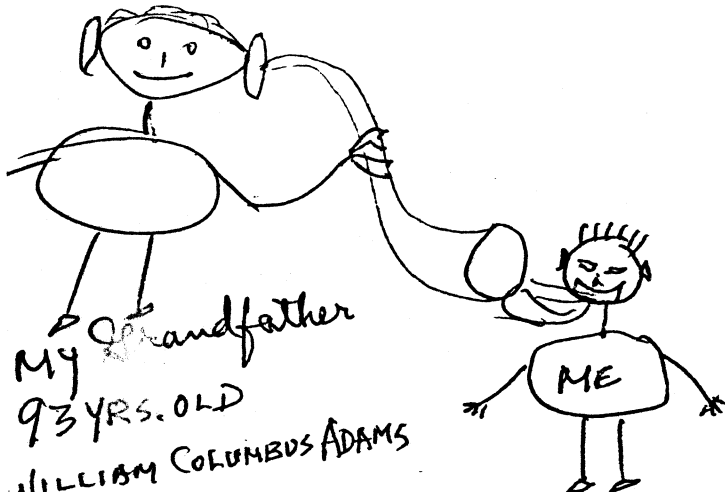
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Plus hard hearing -  
used a large horn in his ear,  
into which I shouted, so he could  
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1910 - 1916

M M DOLLAHAN -  
HISTORIAN



My Grandfather  
93 YRS. OLD  
WILLIAM COLUMBUS ADAMS

6 YRS OLD

MARSHALL M. DOLLAHAN  
GREAT-GRAND SON

1910-16  
6 YRS -

3 - Joseph Baird Shaw Adams was born March 24, 1826. He married Catherine Johnson, April 8, 1847. He died when but 36 years old, August 22, 1862. He was buried in Greenhill Cemetery. Catherine Johnson was born Oct. 20, 1827, the sister of Lowdusky, wife of Wm. F., and Elenora, wife of Bolivar W. Adams, brothers of her husband. She died Nov. 28, 1903, at the ripe old age of 76 years and she was buried beside her one and only mate. They had nine children, five were raised to maturity,—Mary, James, William H., Frank and Joseph.

When her husband died, "Aunt Cathy" was left with five children, the oldest 12, the youngest but 6 months old, also the debts that had piled up during the long illness of her husband with consumption, yet being a good manager, she raised her children to maturity, paid off all debts and even managed to purchase 100 acres of good land while doing so. A grand, fine lady that was highly respected by all, for her courage and wonderful outlook on life.

Mary (Nov. 3, 1850—Sept. 9, 1930) and Joseph (Feb. 7, 1862—Aug. 19, 1926) never married. Both lived in the home place until they died. This place was known as the NE.1/4 of the E.1/2 of Location 64 and it consisted of 50 acres. It is located about 1/2 mile straight east of Greenhill church and across the road from the old "Doc" Wynn home. The house was but recently torn down by a grandson. The home of a wonderful woman, that never knew the meaning of the word "defeat".

James (Dec. 14, 1855—March 26, 1932) married Louise McCutcheon and Susan McCarty. William H. (Sept. 3, 1857—Jan. 27, 1933) married Mary L. McKibben (Apr. 13, 1857—Nov. 28, 1927). Frank (Apr. 21, 1860—Feb. 29, 1944) married Mary Adda Stout (March 24, 1862—Jan. 22, 1940).

All the children of this family and their wives were buried in Greenhill Cemetery, except the two wives of James.

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7 Mi. S.E. OF PALESTINE, ILL  
DOWN WABASH RIVER ROAD,  
TOWARD OLD VINCENNES, ON WABASH

MARY ALLISON -  
+ JAMES  
QUITE A  
STORY

ADAMS, SON OF  
ELI, BORN ELIZABETH  
TOWN, KY -  
MARRIED MARY ALLISON

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4—James was born in 1828, one record has Nov. 23 another Feb. 23. He married Mary Young in Lawrence County, Ill., March 13, 1858. She was born as Mary Allison, July 8, 1838, a daughter of the old pioneer family that helped to build Fort Allison near the present Russellville, Ill., in the very early 1800s. She married James Adams after the death of her first husband, Martin Young. To them five children were born, three reached maturity, William Bishop, Daniel Hamilton and Louisa. James taught school for many years or until his health started to fail him with pulmonary trouble. Advised to go West for his health, he attempted to do so. He became worse and died in Henderson County, Texas in late 1872 or early 1873 and he was buried near where he died.

After his death, Mary with her four children, the oldest 14, the youngest 8, started the long journey back to Illinois with their ox team and wagon. Moving through Indian Territory into Kansas, they remained there nearly a year, where the oldest son obtained work at breaking sod to be used by the Indians. After a hard weary trip they finally arrived back in Illinois again. Later she married a Robert Dunlap of Crawford County. Mary Allison Young Adams Dunlap died January 27, 1877 when but 38 years old. Hers had been a short life of many heartaches and numerous hardships, yet, bravely she had survived all, in an effort to raise her children. Surely a woman that posterity can be very proud of.

William Bishop (Dec. 13, 1858—Feb. 26, 1934) nicknamed "Texas Bill", married Amanda L. Richart (Nov. 22, 1859—Sept. 5, 1949).

Daniel Hamilton (Sept. 24, 1860—Feb. 24, 1942) married Eliza Ellen Parker (Dec. 7, 1863—Dec. 7, 1946).

Louisa (March 31, 1862—Nov. 6, 1910) married Robert Stewart Tedford (Dec. 1, 1854—Jan. 8, 1925).



JOHN BARTMESS, JR - MARRIED SUSAN DUBOIS, OAK FT, VINCENNES 7

5—John Bartmess was born April 4, 1830. He married Susan Dubois, Jan. 1, 1853. She was born Sept. 30, 1833, the daughter of Jesse Kilgore Dubois and Nancy Batterton and grand-daughter of Capt. Toussaint Dubois, a famous Hudson Bay Fur Co. trapper and trader and Indian fighter of early Vincennes. To them, four children were born, Ida Delia, Kilgore, Agnes Hanover and John Bartmess Jr. They moved to Springfield, Ill. in 1858, making their home at Eighth and Jackson St., across the road from the Abraham Lincoln family. The two families became very good friends. Until 1864, he worked for his father-in-law, who was Auditor of the State of Illinois in the banking department of that office. He then formed a partnership with D. L. Gold and established a drug store. This he operated until his death, June 28, 1870, when 40 years old. He was buried in Springfield's Oak Ridge Cemetery on Lot 220 of Block 10; the Jesse K. Dubois lot.

His wife, Susan, died Jan. 15, 1874. She was buried in the Old American Cemetery of Vincennes, Indiana about 100 feet straight East of Colonel Vigo's grave, near her mother and her grandmother, Jane Baird.

"Uncle Bill" raised "Little John" to maturity. Grandparents, Dubois, raised the 10 year old Agnes. Crawford County relatives cared for Ida D. and Kilgore.

Ida Delia married Charles K. Logan, her cousin. -- Kilgore married Ida McChafflin, lived for many years near Palestine, Ill., then moved to Antlers, Oklahoma, where he and his wife died.

Agnes Hanover (Aug. 9, 1864—May 22, 1923) married Arthur Huntington of Springfield, Ill. She became famous for her good deeds and excellent management as an official of The Young Women's Christian Ass'n., Travelers Protective Aid Ass'n., Daughters of the American Revolution and the Illinois State Historical Society during her lifetime. She was a red-hot, hard-boiled Republican and a worshiper of one A. Lincoln.

John Bartmess Jr., born in 1868, married Hulda Duckworth in 1890. They had several children. She died young. He then moved to St. Louis, Mo. His wife is buried in Greenhill Cemetery. There is no marker at her grave.

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D.A.R.—

John Bartmess Jr -  
St. Louis, Mo -

8  
MY GREAT GRANDFATHER,  
"UNCLE BILL"

6--Bolivar Washington Adams was born Feb. 24, 1832 on the "Old Buser farm" located just North of Greenhill Church. Here also were born his brothers, William, Joseph, James, John and Hamilton, also his sister Elizabeth Jane.

On Dec. 10, 1854 he married Elenora Johnson, who was born Feb. 7, 1831. To this union was born but one child, Frances Viola, on Feb. 22, 1856. The young mother lived but a few months after the birth of her daughter. She died June 8, 1856. She was buried in the Lackey Cemetery, located on the present Fred Burkett farm, about 6 miles S.E. of Palestine and about 1 mile East of Route #33.

Relatives and friends assisted in raising little "Frankie" to girlhood. Her father never married again. He became listless, morose and spiritless, owning no land, - he always worked for others. Attracted by, and at the request of his brother Eli, who was doing so well in politics in Olney, Ill., he moved there with his daughter. In 1877, in conjunction with his brother Frank, he purchased 34 acres of land East of Olney about 3 miles. Here he built a small log cabin and lived alone until his health began to fail him. He then moved in with his son-in-law, Jim Colvin. Here he died, October 21, 1889. "Uncle Bog" was buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, located about 3 miles South and One mile East of Claremont, Illinois.

Frances Viola "Frankie" (Feb. 22, 1856--Feb. 21, 1937) married a Civil War veteran, James Colvin (Jan. 1, 1841--April 1, 1928). They located on a farm but a few miles from her father's cabin. They are both buried in Haven Hill Cemetery at Olney.

7--Alexander Hamilton Adams was born March 2, 1834. Farming did not appeal to him, and he sold all his farm interests to his brothers and became a school teacher, making his home near his school. While teaching school near St. Francisville, Ill., he met and married Caroline Buchanan, of Scotch Irish descent, on May 29, 1861. The couple had three children, Lawrence, Victor and Gertrude. Consumption claimed his life Dec. 5, 1867, when but 34 years old. "Ham" was a great favorite of his brothers. They all admired and respected him and really enjoyed his personality. He was buried in the Buchanan Cemetery, located about 7 miles South of Lawrenceville, Illinois on Rt. #1. HWY #1

It is not known, at this date, just what did become of his wife and children after his death. It seems to be impossible to find any trace of them.

8--Sarah Louise Adams was born June 23, 1836. She married John Crews, Jan. 2, 1866. John Crews had married Elizabeth Bartmess, a daughter of Peter Bartmess, who was a half-brother of Eli Adams. She had died of childbirth, May 22, 1859. Crews, a bull-headed Dutchman was known to be an eccentric cuss, even at that time, permitting chickens and hogs to run about his house, and having many other unlikeable peculiarities. Yet, Sarah Louise, would have him. Two children were born to them, Samuel and John. After numerous quarrels with his relatives and neighbors, John Crews decided that the State of Texas would be a more desirable place to live than Crawford County. They moved about 1877. A few letters were written by Sarah to her mother then these ceased and the family was not heard from again.

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*Father of Victor  
Franklin Adams,  
lived 6 mi. S. E. of  
Palestine on  
River Road -*

9—Elisha Franklin was born Nov. 21, 1837. He was a very successful and happy farmer all his life. From his father's estate he inherited 40 acres of rich bottom ground in Sec. 21. He purchased from his brother, Ham, the 40 acres next to his own. While on a visit with Ham, he met Pricilla Buchanan. They were married Nov. 16, 1864. She was born May 26, 1842, the daughter of Victor T. Buchanan and America McKay, near St. Francisville, Ill. On Jan. 25, 1866 he purchased 35 acres of his father's farm and lived in his birth place until Nov. 22, 1877. He then sold this farm to John A. Magill and in 1878 moved to Olney, Ill. on a 65 acre farm that he had purchased from his brother Eli. It was located about 3 miles East of Olney and 1/2 mile South of the B. & O. R. R. Here he spent the remainder of his life. Seven children had been born to them in Crawford County. Five were raised to maturity,—Charles Buchanan, Nettie, Emma Jane, Victor Franklin and Lora Belle. "Uncle Frank" and "Aunt Pricilla" were dearly loved and highly respected by all who ever knew them. Kind, church-loving, honest, real Americans of their day. He died, from consumption, April 17, 1906. She died Feb. 21, 1923. Both are buried in Haven Hill Cemetery at Olney, Ill., beside their daughter, Nettie.

Charles Buchanan (August 11, 1865—Feb. 6, 1928) married Alice Lillie White (March 18, 1871—Oct. 15, 1940, also Effie Friend Golden.

Nettie, (Aug. 24, 1868—Feb. 28, 1889) never married.

Emma Jane (May 18, 1870—March 10, 1940) married George Billings (1867--1945).

Victor F. (April 13, 1872--*MAY 25, 1958*) married Flora Tennyson (Oct. 2, 1874--*DEC-7-1962*) and Lela Ann Ratcliffe, then his first wife again.

Lora Belle (Oct. 24, 1877—Feb. 2, 1915) married Alva Roy Basden (Jan. 11, 1878--July 6, 1954).

E L I met & married Amanda Palmateer  
Olney - lived there, Buried ~~at~~ Haven Hill Cem., Olney, Ill. (11)

10--Eli was born April 8, 1840. Farming did not appeal to him. He became a school-teacher. He was a very attractive young man that had a flaming red full beard and hair, so red it sparkled. In the eyes of the young ladies of his acquaintance, he was really someone and his personality did win him many friends. He met beautiful Amanda Palmateer of Olney, Ill., while she was visiting relatives in Palestine. Soon Olney had a new school teacher and resident. They were married June 20, 1869. Later he became interested in politics. They had but one child, a daughter, Floro. Eli died when 43 years old on June 20, 1883 and was buried in Haven Hill Cemetery of Olney. Amanda later married John Elliot. She died July 24, 1922 and was buried beside her husband and daughter. Floro was born in 1871, married Charles Byer, and died in 1900. They had no children.

11--Martha was born March 27, 1842 and died in infancy.

12--Francis Marion was born April 3, 1844. He married pretty Mary Magill on March 4, 1871. She was the step-daughter of John Buser, a close neighbor. Two children were born to them, James Eli and Orley. They made their home on land just North of the Phi Adams farm. Here he farmed until his health left him because of consumption. He died July 21, 1876, and was buried in Greenhill Cemetery. Their son Orley died in infancy. Mary Magill was born Nov. 18, 1852. She later married John Powden of Crawford County and by him had three children, William, Fred and Frank. "Aunt Mary" died April 2, 1937 and she was buried in the New Robinson Cemetery.

James Eli born about 1872 became a railroad telegraph operator. While working for the Frisco Railroad in Seymour, Missouri he met and married Lena Kauhnel. They had three children, Glenn, Orley and Llewellyn. He died about 1931 in Phoenix, Arizona. He and his wife are buried there.

13--Mary Elizabeth was born July 7, 1847, the youngest child of her parents. When her father died in 1857, six unmarried children were left at home with their mother, --Alexander Hamilton age 23, Sarah Louise age 21, Elisha Franklin age 19, Eli age 17, Francis Marion age 13 and Mary age 10. All but Francis Marion had chosen a mate before Mary Elizabeth on April 8, 1868 married James L. Wolfe, a farmer who lived near old Shaker Prairie town in Sullivan County, IND., born July 5, 1847, the son of John and Mahala Wolfe. Here, with her mother, they lived for many years. Her husband died May 16, 1891 and was buried in the Shaker Prairie Church Cemetery, located about 2 miles S. of Carlisle, Ind. via Rt. #41, then about 4 miles SW via country roads. His wife is buried beside him. Ten children were born to them. Later the widow came to Sullivan, where she worked as a cook in a local hotel. Here she married Christopher Dale. They had no children. She died July 24, 1935 when 88 years old. Her oldest brother "Uncle Bill" had lived to be 93 years old, Elisha Franklin had died when 68, Bolivar at 57, all the others before they were 45, with the possible exception of Sarah Louise. Consumption had claimed the lives of her father and at least eight of her brothers and sisters. Their mother had lived to be 91 years old.

Mary's children were:--Nora, born in 1869, married James Wilson, --Lou, 1871, married Ed. Hall. --Flora, 1873, married James Dixon and Ross Cooksey. --Viola, 1875, married Jack Adams, John Shanks, Harrison Scott and John Bair. --James L, 1878, married Odie Holt and Emma Burkhardt. --Roy, 1880, married Jesse C'Haver. --Fred, 1882, never married. --William, 1886, married Minnie Moore. --Millie B., 1888, married Cud Holland. --Mollie T. never married. She was born in 1891.

Viola, Millie B., and Mollie T. were alive on January 1, 1955.

MARY'S CHILDREN

alive Jan 1, 1955

CARLYLE, IND  
ON SOMETHING

VIOLA

# DOLLAHAN FAMILY - 1978

## ADAMS-BAIRD - FAMILY TREE

1700 - 1978

1700 - CAPT. JAMES POTTER \*  
CUMBERLAND CO. PA 1700

JAMES BAIRD \*  
MARY POTTER \* 2

MARTHA BAIRD \*  
(JAMES BAIRD) FATHER 0

1748 - WILLIAM ADAMS \*  
MARTHA BAIRD \* 1748 3

ELI ADAMS \*  
ELIZABETH SHAW \*  
(JOSEPH SHAW) FATHER \* 4

WM. COLUMBUS ADAMS \*  
LODUSKY JOHNSON \*  
(JERIMIAH JOHNSON) FATHER \* 5

SARAH ELLEN ADAMS \*  
ELISHA GOODWIN \* 6

STELLA F. GOODWIN \*  
CLYDE E. DOLLAHAN \* 7

VAUGHN E. DOLLAHAN \*  
LOWELL A. DOLLAHAN \*  
WILMA FERN DOLLAHAN  
MARSHALL M. DOLLAHAN  
VERLE GOODWIN DOLLAHAN 8

\* - DECEASED

FAMILY TREE  
ADAMS - BAIRD - POTTER  
1700 - 1978  
10 GENERATIONS

1978  
W - NORLU  
C - LINDA DOLLAHAN 10  
C - MICHAEL DOLLAHAN

VAUGHN E. DOLLAHAN 9  
ELIZABETH LINDSEY

W - MARGARET SPRINGER  
BRUCE DOLLAHAN  
CRAIG DOLLAHAN

H - CLARENCE CONNAWAY \*  
C - CAROL CONNAWAY  
C - WAYNE CONNAWAY

W - HELEN JANE BANDY  
C - JAMES BANDY DOLLAHAN  
C - KATHRYN LOUISE DOLLAHAN

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Terre Haute Tribune Star -

We the Committee would like some  
publicity on our -

230<sup>th</sup> Adams Family Anniversary -  
Reunion at Palestine, Ill.

Sunday, August 27, 12:00 Noon -  
Would like to reach all Adams, known  
and unknown in your area, for our  
Special Celebration this year.

We have our History saying they  
settled there or migrated To Terre Haute &  
area in each direction for possibly 90 miles  
in late 1700's & Early 1800's from Ky. & Vincennes.

We realize time is short, but still sufficient  
I believe - your ~~text~~ use of enclosed information -  
Adams Feature story - Announcement of Reunion, etc - inviting all -  
Thanks - M M Dollahan



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Att'n :  
Community Affairs  
Adams, Old Settlers  
Before 1776  
Gentlemen:

Re: Announce - 230th Adams Family  
Anniversary 1748 - 1978  
and Reunion - Sun. Aug. 27, 12:00  
Palestine, Ill., Leaverton Park

Adams  
invite

Ky. Ill.  
Ind.

We, the Adams Family Committee 1978, would like to announce our 230th Adams Family Anniversary, 1748 to 1978, and invite the descendants of Eli Adams who migrated from Elizabethtown, Kentucky to your area or Territory at age 17, 1810 - where he married Elizabeth Shaw (daughter of Joseph Shaw) - Had 13 children and populated the old Vincennes Territory for forty miles around - and now spread over the U. S. Coast to Coast.

Adams Issue  
pioneered  
& Settled

Their Issue went up the Wabash River and spread - Carlyle, Sullivan, Terre Haute, Indiana --- and Olney, St. Francisville, Lawrenceville, Ft. Allison, Russellville, Palestine, Robinson, Hutsonville, Illinois --- and , finally, Springfield and Indianapolis, as statehood arrived and politicians sprouted at the State Capitols.

News Copy  
&  
Copy Adams  
History

The attached Newspaper Copy # 1 and #2 and our 12 page History (Adams), might be interesting material for your readers. - contains many true stories of each Family as they migrated from Pa. to Ky., Vincennes, up Wabash, carving out homes, log cabins, sickness, Consumption took father and 8 children of 13 at ages of 30 to 45 - Others of family lived to 88, 91, 93. sick

" Mary Allison Adams drove ox team to Texas with/husband & children, going west for health -- He died Texas -- She returned through Kansas Indian territory, by ox team, with children, oldest 14 - return took nearly a year. (See P. 6 Adams History.)

" Susan Dubois (grand-daughter of Capt. Toussaint Dubois, Old Fort Vincennes) married John B. Adams, Politician, - Moved to Springfield, Illinois - worked Ill. state Government - 1858-1864 - lived 8th & Jackson Sts., across the "road" from A. Lincoln family - good Friends - Husband John Died 1870 - buried Springfield's Oakridge Cemetery, Jesse K. Dubois lot 220, block 10. Susan moved back to Vincennes, died 4 years later, buried Old American Cemetery of Vincennes, Indiana, near her mother and grandmother, Jane Baird - not far from Colonel Vigo's grave, 1874. (See P. # 7, Adams History)

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1. ADAMS 12 PAGE  
HISTORY,  
2. ADAMS FAMILY TREE  
1750 TO 1978 -  
3. NEWSPAPER COPY  
#1 & #2

Eli Adams, flaming red full beard and hair ---- handsome --- school teacher, later politician --- very successful --- met and married beautiful Amanda Palmateer (of Olney) in Palestine --- moved to Olney -- where his fame and fortune was made -- His brothers followed him - All buried Haven Hill Cem. Olney. (See P. # 11 Adams History)  
Submitted for your consideration and use.

M M Dollahan  
Historian

Donated by D. Clark

NEWSPAPER  
COPY #1 -  
BRIEF

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Re: Adams 230 th Anniver-  
sary and Reunion,  
Sun., Aug. 27, 12:00 Noon  
Palestine Park

Gentlemen:

ANNOUNCE

The Adams 230th Family Anniversary and Reunion - Sunday,  
August 27, 1978, Leaverton Park, Palestine, Illinois, 12:00 noon.

PA -

William Adams, born 1748, Pennsylvania, after serving Revolutionary  
War, migrated to Kentucky Territory, married Martha Baird, lived  
Elizabethtown vicinity - Their Family remained there - Eli Adams,  
their son, migrated to Old Fort Vincennes, Territory before State-  
hood, married Elizabeth Shaw, daughter of Joseph Shaw, had 13  
children, who intermarried into Early American Families of area,  
many of historical fame. The Adams name spread all over Kentucky,  
up and down the Wabash River Valley from Old Fort Vincennes, then  
East and West, through Indiana and Illinois southern regions, as  
Statehood arrived.

HISTORY

KY.

VINCENNES

ILL, & IND-

INVITE  
DESCENDANTS

Descendants of the Adams Family settled in your area, among the  
first settlers. We wish to reach / <sup>their</sup> descendants, living today.  
We would like to have 10, 20 or more from your area get together  
and come over Sunday, Aug. 27. 12:00 noon. Our large shaded Park  
will accommodate any number - Bring food on ice to spread on table.

SUN. AUG. 27  
12:00 NOON

100 COPIES  
HISTORY  
1700-1978  
FAMILY  
TREE  
R S V P -

We have 100 copies of Adams Tree and History, covering your ancestors,  
since 1748 in Pennsylvania. More available. Question & Answer

Session at Reunion by

Great-Great-Great Grandson, Hist-  
Adams orian.

Bring list, names & addresses, of all relatives of your area.  
Relatives and Friends invited. R S V P - So can plan for number.

ADAMS COMMITTEE 1978  
M M Dollahan  
Mrs. Carlton Adams  
Fay Reinbold

ADAMS FAMILY 230th ANNIVERSARY  
AND FAMILY REUNION

LEAVERTON PARK, PALESTINE, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 12:00 NOON

NEWSPAPER  
COPY #2  
MORE DETAILED

Announce  
ADAMS FAMILY  
230th ANNIVERSARY-  
REUNION  
1748-1978

Pa.

William Adams, 1748, Pennsylvania, Revolutionary War Veteran,  
married Martha Baird. They had three sons - James, Eli and  
William, Jr. - MARTHA BAIRD FAMILY BACK TO 1700.

FAMILY  
HISTORY  
VINCENNES

Eli married Elizabeth Shaw, daughter of Joseph Shaw, when he  
migrated to Old Fort Vincennes. They had thirteen children,  
most of which moved on up the Wabash River, from Old Fort  
Vincennes, marrying into Early American Families of the  
Area. They settled in Russelville, Ft. Allison, Greenhill,

ILL.

Palestine, Robinson, Oblong and Springfield, Illinois and  
Eli Adams Sr. near Greenhill, 7 mi. S.E. OF PALESTINE, ILL.

Eli Adams, Jr. , Elisha, B.W. and Frankie migrated to Olney,  
Illinois area where he did good in politics. All are buried  
in the Haven Hill Cemetery at Olney. Eli met and married BEAUTIFUL  
Amanda Palmateer of Olney while she was visiting in Palestine.  
They moved to Olney. Eli, Jr.'s son went West to Phoenix,  
lived and is buried there with his family.

The remainder who "moved on " to more pioneer country from Old  
Vincennes, before statehood or shortly after, went up the Wabash  
River to the vicinity of Carlisle, Shaker Prairie, Bright Light,  
Farmersburg, Sullivan, Terre Haute and finally Indianapolis,  
Indiana.

From Illinois and Indiana the new crop of Adams scattered all  
over the United States, as more states were admitted and  
industrialization spread, opening challenges and opportunities.

TO  
ALL OVER  
U.S.

Consumption, the big killer of those days, killed the father and eight brothers and sisters of 13 children. The Mother lived to 91 and a son 93.

We plan to have 100 copies of the original Adams Family Tree and history since 1748, listing and including many accounts or happenings, history, etc. over 230 years - about 8 generations. More if demand exists.

Mentions Abraham Lincoln Family, good neighbors and Friends. Captain Toussaint Dubois, Capt. Vigo, Susan Dubois (Mrs John Adams), Michael Brouillet, building Wesley Chapel and Greenhill churches, Ft. Allison, etc. Lists resume of their lives and those they associated with including dates, families, etc.

We invite All descendants of William Adams and Martha Baird, the Adams Family and their Friends to join us in celebrating our 230th Family Anniversary and Family Reunion, Sunday, August 27, 1978, 12:00 Noon, Leaverton Park, Palestine, Ill. P. S.

A Great-Great-Great Grand Son, after 51 years away, will be there with 100 copies of the Adams Family history (Family Tree) to tell the story, with "Question and Answer Session" - including your Adams Family - with names, dates and migrations - Building of churches, schools and the Old Country Store (four stories high with 12' x 12' hand operated elevator - by system of ropes, pulleys and weights to haul wagons, buggies and farm implements to the 4th floor for display.)

Adams relatives and Friends are invited and welcome.

> R S V P - So we may arrange. Please bring food to spread upon our table. (In iced container.)

ADAMS COMMITTEE, 400 S. MAIN, PALESTINE, ILL., 62451